

**Date:** March 28, 2022

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Richard Whitman, Director

**Subject:** Item B: Commissioner reports (Informational)  
April 6-7, 2022, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** Commissioners will provide updates and input to the agency and commission on their recent activities or upcoming opportunities, and discuss the distribution of liaison roles among commissioners. Commissioners may formalize their liaison roles as part of this item.

**Liaison roles** To ensure collaborative work across agencies, the EQC has established several formal liaison relationships with other Oregon boards and commissions, including:

- Oregon Board of Forestry
- Oregon Board of Agriculture
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (statutory voting role)

Vice-chair Baraso serves as the Board of Agriculture liaison, and Commissioner Schlusser serves as the Board of Forestry Liaison. The OWEB role is currently filled by Commissioner Kile; however, that role may change to another commission member to best distribute workload.

Each of the three liaison roles is unique; however, in each case, the EQC commissioner serving the role is a critical connection. In each case, the EQC commissioner is expected to attend relevant portions of the other entities' meetings, with support provided by DEQ commission staff in collaboration with the partner agency, if applicable.

**EQC involvement** This agenda item is a regular opportunity for commissioners to share about their activities between commission meetings.